

## **Zhang Shaojie (m)**

**Adoption Status:** Adopted by Representative Mark Meadows (R-NC)

**Country:** China

**Occupation:** Three-Self church pastor from Nanle County in China's central Henan.

**Detained Since:** November 16, 2013

**Charges:** "Gathering a crowd to disrupt the public order" and fraud.

**Sentence:** 12 years in prison

**Additional:** Zhang was detained on November 16, 2013, after a series of land disputes with local authorities. Zhang and more than 20 members of his congregation were charged with "gathering a crowd to disrupt the public order." Zhang was also charged with fraud; the fabricated charge was based on help he gave to another detainee when her son was killed. On July 4, 2014, Zhang was sentenced to 12 years in prison. His final appeal was rejected on August 21, 2014.



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